

**CITY OF NORMAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
Public Hearing**

The CDBG Policy Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a virtual meeting on February 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and at www.Normanok.gov twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Lisa Krieg called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Item No. 1, being: Introductions/Virtual Roll Call

Members:	Halee Threatt
	David John
	Kendel Posey
	Karen Canavan
	Linn Blohm
	Heidi Smith
	Kyle Lankford
	Kamala Jolly Stewart

City Staff:	Lisa Krieg
	Tara Reynolds
	Michelle Evans

Item No. 2 being: Update on Substantial Amendments

CDBG B19 Entitlement Grant; Actions on April 14, 2020

- Substantial Amendment #1 to the B19 award
- Reallocated \$75,000 towards rent/utility assistance
- CDBG-CV1 \$535,688; approved May 12, 2020
- Substantial Amendment #2 to the B-19 award
- Addition of Staff to administer Rent/Utility Program
- Rent/Utility Assistance \$376,688 (all expended)
- Non-Profit Assistance (all expended)
- Housing Start-up Funding

CDBG-CV3; \$737,568

- Approved January 26, 2021
- Extension of the Street Outreach Program until 6/30/2023
 - \$286,200
 - Program was established by the Emergency Solutions Grant CR. Funding ends 6/30/2021.
 - Street Outreach Case Manager
 - Housing Navigator

- Rent/Utility Assistance \$401,368; Rent program currently paused until contracts received from HUD. Estimate resuming assistance March 2021.
- Cleanup of Abandoned Encampments \$50,000

Item No. 3 being: Consideration of Substantial Amendment #1 to the B18 Action Plan

To be considered by the Policy Committee at this meeting:

- Substantial Amendment #1 to the B18 (2018-2019) Program Year
 - B18; GC0078 CDBG Land Acquisition \$25,000
 - Scope of Activity reduced.
 - B18; GC0074 CART Sidewalk Project \$22,340
 - Scope of activity reduced due to NPS development of Alternative School and route modifications after the City of Norman assumed operation of the bus system
 - Funding Summary
 - \$ 92,600; B17 (Reprogrammed)
 - \$ 47,340; B18 (Reprogrammed)
 - \$ 32,370; B20 (Current Funding)
 - \$172,310 total funding

Motion by Linn Blohm, **second** by Karen Canavan. All approve.

Item No. 4 being: 4. Upcoming Funding Discussion

- CDBG-CV2; CARES Act RFA to be released in Spring 2021 from Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Programming required to be programmed to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to” the coronavirus.
 - Will not know amount available until ODOC completes their Action Plan
 - Staff will conduct outreach to non-profit’s that serve LMI clients to evaluate unmet needs
 - The Policy Committee will review proposals for the programming of these funds
 - Cleveland County accepted 6.4 million dollars for rental assistance
 - Discussions underway with CC pertaining to the criteria and timing of their program
 - City of Norman will evaluate need for additional rent assistance funding
 - ESG-CR2; CARES Act RFA to be released in Spring 2021 from Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Programming required to be programmed to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to” the coronavirus.
 - Norman/Cleveland County CoC formula allocation totals \$1,220,314
 - Will not know the entire scope of eligible activities until RFA is announced
 - Norman/Cleveland County CoC is responsible for the review and programing of the funding

Item No. 5 being: Neighborhood Organization and Projects

- Tree Planting Project B20; First round of trees planted, \$32,370 remains. Will be utilized in conjunction with the Ice Storm Damage Tree Project
- Cate Park Equipment; finalizing quote from equipment supplier. Installation Spring 2021

- Original Townsite Improvement Project; Currently on hold due to focus on CARES Act Funding

There was discussion about contacting Neighborhood Alliance for some workshops about neighborhood organizing.

Item No. 6 being: Announcements

There was discussion about different neighborhood projects, such as clean-up days, outreach, street sweeping storm debris, and public art. The Committee also requested an updated project list. The next meeting is March 3.

Item No. 7 being: Adjournment.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.